THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARADHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that according to available information 63 companies which are reportedly connected with Reliance Industries Ltd. have obtained loans totalling Rs. 59.28 crores in 1985 from nine banks in India. No individual company has borrowed amount exceeding Rs. 5 crores.

Ban on recruitment

1279. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ban imposed on recruitment in the Ministries|Departments is still existing;

(b) whether any computers have been installed in any of the Ministries|Departments; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Following requests and representations from Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Ministries| Departments and Staff Associations etc., the Government have recently modified the guidelines regarding filling up of vacancies. According to the revised guidelines, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions, vacancies both Plan and non-Plan, arising due to promotion, retirement, death, resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation, etc. can now be filled up.

(b) and (c) According to the information available upto the end of August, 1985, the names of Ministries|Departments etc. where computers|computer terminals have been installed or where these are being utilised are given in the statement.

Statement

1. Ministry of Agriculture
2. Ministry of Commerce
3. Ministry of Communications
4. Ministry of External Affairs
5. Ministry of Finance
6. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
7. Ministry of Home Affairs
8. Ministry of Industry
9. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
10. Ministry of Science & Technology
11. Ministry of Urban Development
12. Department of Civil Supplies
13. Department of Defence Research & Development
14. Department of Education
15. Department of Electronics
16. Department of Environment
17. Department of Non-conventional Energy Sources
18. Department of Power
19. Department of Mines
20. Department of Railways
21. Department of Statistics
22. Department of Women's Welfare
23. Planning Commission
24. Union Public Service Commission
25. Cabinet Secretariat
26. Prime Minister's Office.

Alleged irregularities in the New India Assurance Company Limited

1280. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have inquired into the working of New India Assurance Company Limited, particularly the working of Delh Regional Office where various types of irregularities are being committed by the employees;

(b) if so what is the nature of irregularities detected;

(c) what is the number of employees found guilty; and

(d)) whether any steps have been taken to root out corruption from this organisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Government had reveived a complaint regarding alleged demand of bribe by an Inspector of New India Assurance Company Limited, New Delhi. The matter was enquired into but the allegations were not substantiated on enquiry.

There were also some other complaints regarding the functioning of the offices of the Company at Allahabad. These complaints were also thoroughly enquired into but could not be substantiated.

(d) There are various inbuilt checks within the organisation like Internal Audit/ Vigilance Department which keep a strict watch on the working of the offices of the Company. Any financial or other irregularities which are either detected or brought to the notice of the management by any source whether from within or outside the Company, are thoroughly enquired and looked into by the concerned department and action taken as per the Company's rules. In addition to this, the Insurance Division of the Ministry of Finance has a system of obtaining quarterly progress reports and an annual pogramme of vigilance action. This involves regular follow up and all efforts are made to ensure that irregularities of any kind or corrupt practices are detected and prompt corrective action and where necessary punitive action, taken.

Raids at the Office and Residential pemises of the Managing Director of SBI

1281. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were conducted at the office and residential premises at Delhi and Bombay of Shri A. S. Puri, Managing Director of the State Bank of India sometime in the month of May, 1986;

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether similar raids were conducted at the residential and office premises of other high ranking bank officials recently; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Bureau of Investigation has reported that it has registered a regular case u/s 120 B1/w5(2)/5(1) (d) of PC Act, 1947, 165 IPC and Sub. Offences u/s 5(2) r/w 5(1) (d) of PC Act, 1947 and 165 IPC against Shri A. S. Puri and others for investigation.

(c) No, Sir.

Management of the Holy Vaishno Devi Shrine

1282. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any complaints about the alleged misappropriation and misuse of assets of a public trust created by the people of Katra Vaishno Devi for the benefits of visitors and pilgrims of Vaishno Devi;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government on such complaints;

(c) whether Government propose to take over the control of the Holy Vaishno Devi shrine as a large number of tourists visits the place every year; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?